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Eagles fall behind early, Logan Harrell's two-run shot not enough for GS in the comeback
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COLUMBIA, S.C. - The No. 12-ranked South Carolina softball team used a first-inning three-run home run to take a 5-2 non-conference victory over visiting Georgia Southern on Wednesday evening in Columbia.

The Gamecocks (31-8) avenged a loss to the Eagles (21-14) in the last meeting between the two teams, a 6-4 win by Georgia Southern in 2016. The Eagles are next in action this weekend in Sun Belt Conference play at Coastal Carolina. The series begins with a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday in Conway, S.C.

"I'm proud that we put ourselves in a position to tie up the game in the seventh," Georgia Southern Head Softball Coach [Kim Dean](#) said. "We want to be able to use games like this to create confidence for us moving into conference play. We are looking forward to a couple of good days of practice and getting back out on the field this weekend at Coastal Carolina."

Alyssa VanDerveer got South Carolina on the board in the bottom of the first inning with a three-run home run to center field. The Gamecocks tacked on a pair of runs in the fourth inning on an RBI double by Kenzi Maguire and an RBI groundout.

The Eagles cut the lead to 5-2 on [Logan Harrell](#)'s two-out, two-run shot in the top of the sixth inning. It was Harrell's fifth home run of the season.

Georgia Southern had the chance to tie in the top of the seventh as [Hannah Farrell](#) led off the inning with a walk, and one batter later, [Mekhia Freeman](#) singled to center to bring the tying run to the plate. South Carolina starter Kelsey Oh (10-2) retired the next two batters to secure the win for the Gamecocks.

Oh notched the win with a three-hitter, walking one while striking out seven in giving up two runs. [Kierra Camp](#) (10-6) took the loss for the Eagles in the circle, giving up seven hits and five runs in six innings of work, walking five while striking out four.

Kenzi Maguire led the Gamecocks offensively by going 3-for-4, while Freeman went 2-for-3 to pace the Eagles.

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